

**DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS  
FOR  
SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT**

**FINDINGS**

**1. Authorization:**

19 DCMR § 4320.7.

**2. Minimum Need:**

Ebsco Publishing Database Package. Includes History Reference Center, Science Reference Center, Novelist, Novelist K-8, Novelist Select, ABC-Clio African-American Experience and Latino American Experience, Wilson Art Full Text and Social Science Full Text for July 2013- July 2014.

**3. Estimated Fair and Reasonable Price:**

\$72,810.25

**4. Facts That Justify a Sole Source Procurement:**

The mission of the District of Columbia Public Library is equitable access to information tailored to customer needs, equipping people to learn all their lives, to embrace diversity and to build a thriving city. To support the mission, the Library has need of online tools, available both in the libraries and remotely, to provide information to customers varying in age, education, and ethnic background and the wide breadth of information they request on a daily basis.

Ebsco Publishing has been a provider of library services for over 60 years. They offer and host a wide range of online products. The library is subscribing to the following databases for one year to continue the broad scope of our growing collection of online databases:

**The following are being purchased primarily to support homework help in social studies, history, government, politics, and geography:**

**History Reference Center**

*History Reference Center*® is the world's most comprehensive full text history reference database designed for secondary schools, public libraries, junior/community colleges, and undergraduate research. The database features full text for more than 1,620 reference books, encyclopedias and non-fiction books from leading history publishers, such as:

Branden Publishing, Compass Point Books, Houghton Mifflin, Lerner Publishing Group, Mason Crest Publishers, Morgan Reynolds Inc., Oliver Press, Oxford University Press, Rourke Publishing LLC., Salem Press, Stackpole Books, Toucan Valley Publications, and more.

The database also includes full text for more than 150 leading history periodicals including *America's Civil War*, *American Heritage*, *American Historical Review*, *American History*, *Archaeology*, *Aviation History*, *Beaver*, *British Heritage*, *Chinese America: History & Perspectives*, *Civil War Times*, *Foreign Affairs*, *German History*, *History*, *History Review*, *History Today* (back to January 1975), *History: Reviews of New Books*, *Kansas History*, *Journal of American History*, *Manitoba History*, *Military History*, *Naval History*, *North Carolina Historical Review*, *Virginia Magazine of History & Biography*, *Wild West*, *World War II* and more. Further, the database contains nearly 57,000 historical documents; more than 78,000 biographies of historical figures; more than 37,000 historical photos and maps; and more than 80 hours of historical video.

**The following are being purchased primarily to support homework help and academic research in the following areas:**

- **ABC-Clio -The African American Experience** is the definitive electronic research tool for African American history and culture. The two primary goals: to provide information from authorities in the field, and to allow African Americans to speak for themselves through a wealth of primary sources. Drawing on over 450 titles, and designed under the guidance of leading librarians; this database gives voice to the black experience from its African origins to the present day.
- **ABC-Clio - The Latino American Experience:** Marks the first-ever database dedicated to the history and culture of Latinos, the largest, fastest-growing minority group in the United States (and in DC). Designed, developed, and indexed under the guidance of Latino librarians and library directors to meet the research and curriculum needs of students, teachers, librarians, and researchers, Latino American Experience offers unparalleled depth and content.

**The following are being purchased primarily to support homework help in the sciences:**

- **Science Reference Center:** Contains full text for hundreds of science encyclopedias, reference books, periodicals, and other sources. Topics covered include: biology, chemistry, earth & space science, environmental science, health & medicine, history of science, life science, physics, science & society, science as inquiry, scientists, technology and wildlife.

**The following is being purchase as a tool for librarians and customers alike in the area of readers' advisory and catalog enhancement:**

- **NoveList – Online:** a readers' advisory service, not only provides access to a database, but it also offers a wide range of resources that will expand the Library's ability to serve fiction readers of all ages and increase the reach of your library's program.
- **NoveList K-8:** Same as above, but designed for children.
- **NoveList Select** *NoveList® Select* helps customers discover new books that meet their needs and are already on your shelves by showing them similar titles right in the catalog. Features include:
  - ✓ Top subject headings for the recommended titles that are displayed so that users understand why a particular title is being suggested.
  - ✓ Recommendations are available for over 5 million titles for readers of all ages and interests.
  - ✓ Links to Recommended Reads lists, Author Read-alikes, Book Discussion Guides, and additional NoveList feature content are displayed in the catalog results.

H.W. Wilson publishes 25 full-text databases, 25 index databases, and 8 abstracts and index databases. DCPL would like to renew one year subscriptions to the following two databases:

- **Art Full Text:** This database offers full text plus abstracts and indexing of an international array of peer-selected publications—now with expanded coverage of Latin American, Canadian, Asian and non-Western art, new artists, contemporary art, exhibition reviews, and feminist criticism.
- **Social Sciences Full Text:** Covers the latest concepts, trends, opinions, theories, and methods from both applied and theoretical aspects of the social sciences.

**The following is being purchased primarily to support research, homework help and as a tool for librarians:**

- **AP Images Collection** is a primary source database with millions of images dating back more than 100 years. The collection is updated regularly and includes over twelve million photographs dating back to 1826, more than 38,000 audio sound bytes, image slides and videos dating from the 1920's and a professionally produced collection of more than 340,000 graphics including maps, timelines, logos, charts, logos, flags and illustrations.

As is stated in the sole source letter provided, Ebsco Publishing is the Sole Source provider for all of these databases.

**5. Certification By the Contract Specialist:**

I hereby certify that the above facts are accurate and complete.

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Contract Specialist

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Date

**DETERMINATION**

Based on the above findings and in accordance with the DCPL procurement regulations, 19 DCMR § 4320.7 I hereby determine that the award of a sole source contract for the services described herein is in the best interest of the D.C. Public Library.

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Contracting Officer

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Date